1	2	3	4
(NSAP) (including Annapurna) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG)	141.00	—	162.97

*Urban Renewal Sub-Mission for Slum Development.

**Includes Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR).

Source: Expenditure Budget, 2005-2006, Volume 1 (February, 2005).

Waterway between Hoogly and Allahabad

*340. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce waterways for transportation of goods between Hoogly and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The river Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad has already been declared as a National Waterway and basic infrastructural facilities such as navigational channel, terminals navigational aids etc. are being provided for facilitating inland water transport, mainly for goods transportation. A fixed schedule cargo transportation service is also being operated between Haldia and Patna. Cargo transportation also takes place between Patna and Allahabad occasionally as adequate depth is not available throughout the year.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rural industries in North-Eastern Region

2422. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minsiter of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by Government for development and promotion of rural industries in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the details of plans formulated and being implemented in the region; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility of promoting Small Scale Industries (SSI), including agro and rural industries, rests with the State/UT Government. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments by implementing various schemes and programme throughout the country, including North-Eastern Region (NER). Some of the important schemes are:

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for assisting eligible applicants in setting up village industry units. Under this programme, loans are provided to eligible applicants by banks and subsidy by the Government;

(ii) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for assisting eligible applicants in setting up tiny units. Under this programme, loans are provided to eligible applicants by banks and subsidy by the Government;

(iii) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) for technology upgradation and modernisation of production techniques;

(iv) Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP) for holistic development of SSI clusters;

(v) Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Small Industries for providing guarantee cover to banks for collaterial-free loans upto Rs. 25 lakh, sanctioned to SSI;

(vi) Rural Industries Service Centres (RISC) Scheme for setting up of common facility centers (CFCs) to provide infrastructural support and services to such industries;

(vii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) scheme for improved design and packaging of village industry products;

(viii) Financial assistance to village industry units for participation in national and international level exhibitions for market development; and

(ix) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) scheme for providing bank loans to khadi any polyvastra units at subsidised rates of interest.

(c) Details of Government funds spent by the Central Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries for implementation of the programmes/schemes in North-Eastern Region, during the last three years, are as follows:

(*Rs. crore*)

Year	Funds spent
2002-03	30.16
2003-04	53.73
2004-05	68.99

Centrally-sponsored schemes for ARIs

2423. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored scheme implemented for developing agro-rural industries;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect agro-rural industries from competition by providing technology support?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The Scheme of Co-operativisation in the Coir Sector is the only Centrally sponsored Scheme implemented by the Central Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries (ARI). Under this scheme, the Central Government gives grants for various purposes to the States for further assistance to coir co-operative societies, based on receipt of proposals from the States, in accordance with eligibility criteria and other guidelines of the scheme.